

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election illustrates what happens to the public interest when media consolidation is not appropriately controlled. Concentration of ownership leads to abuses of power and, in this case, a clearly partisan attempt to influence a national election.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get corporate viewpoints masquerading as reporting and propaganda instead of news

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

The FCC has the authority to step in and stop Sinclair's plan to flood the public airwaves with a pseudo documentary that is, in fact, a lengthy political message. Please take this action to preserve the integrity of both the broadcasting industry and our electoral process. And please also consider placing meaningful limits on concentration of ownership to prevent future abuses. Thank you.